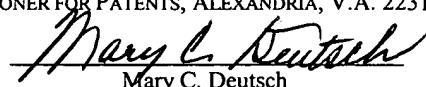


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NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371
TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing are the following documents:

1. Complete new national stage patent application which is an English version of the international application PCT/EP 2004/004153 including: Specification (6 pgs), 10 Claims (2 pgs), Abstract (1 pg), Drawings (2 pgs);
2. Copy of the International Request form PCT/RO/101 and Annexes (5 pgs) and a copy of the PCT Application (DE 103 18 223.3) as filed (6 pgs of specification, 10 claims (2 pgs), Abstract (1 pg), drawings (2 pgs));
3. Copy of front page of the WO Publication (WO 2004/095485 A1)(1 pg);
4. Copy of PCT International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210) (4 pgs);
5. Copy of PCT Demand for International Preliminary Examination (PCT/IPEA/401)(5 pgs);
6. Copy of International Preliminary Examination Report on Patentability (PCT/IPEA/409) (5 pgs);
7. Copy of Specification showing Amendments pursuant to Art. 34 PCT as filed (8 pgs); and translation incorporating amendments (9 pgs).
8. A check in the amount of \$900.00 for Large Entity filing fees, comprising the basic national stage fee under 37 CFR 1.492(a)(5) (\$300.00); National Stage

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9. Preliminary amendment (5 pgs).
10. Return receipt postcard.

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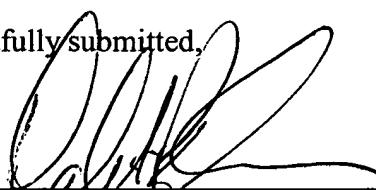
PRIORITY CLAIM

This application claims priority from International application PCT/EP2004/004153, having a PCT publication number of WO 2004/095485 A1, which was filed on April 19, 2004, which in turn claims priority from German patent application number DE 10318223.3, which was filed on April 22, 2003. Likewise, this national stage patent application claims priority from German patent application number DE 10318223.3, which was filed on April 22, 2003.

This Request is being submitted in accordance with the "Express Mail" procedures under Rule 37 C.F.R. 1.10. Examination of this application is respectfully requested.

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